

Allotments report Jan 2026

Some mixed news...

Starting on the positives. In the autumn we had 9 people on the waiting list for plots to become available. Frustratingly, we had vacant plots on the Glebe but they were in such a poor condition they were not in a fit state to be offered to new ploholders. Through the Parish Council we sought help from the Probation Services Community Payback team who over several weekends worked very hard to remove accumulated rubbish and prepare the plots for cultivation. They did an excellent job and by end December all the newly cleared plots were ready. And as I write, all these plots have been taken by new and happy ploholders. Even better, both Simons Cross and the Glebe sites are now officially full. We still do have a waiting list for each site – but thankfully much shorter now!

Another positive, is that we have created a small community orchard on the Glebe near the car park. It'll be some years before the trees bear fruit, but it is something we can all look forward to.

And now some not so good news. We had some minor vandalism on the Glebe in the Autumn, but the culprits were soon identified and dealt with by the police. Sadly, in the last few days, Simons Cross allotments have been targeted, this time robbery appears to be the motive. A number of sheds were broken into, damaged, and items stolen. The police have been informed.

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